

Warden Message

May 15, 2009

Dear Warden and/or Registrant:

The U.S. Embassy in Ecuador wishes to inform American citizens visiting or resident in Ecuador that the Ecuadorian Ministry of Health is reporting the first confirmed case of H1N1 influenza in Ecuador, a student at Colegio Americano in Guayaquil. The student reportedly returned Sunday, May 10, from a seven day visit to Miami. The Ecuadorian Ministry of Health has closed the school for a week and is monitoring students from the school. The Ecuadorian Ministry of Health is also monitoring passengers that arrived on the same flight as the student.

At this time there is no evidence of human-to-human transmission of H1N1 influenza in Ecuador. Previous guidelines and precautions still apply.

For up-to-date information about Human Swine Influenza, including reported cases, symptoms, and precautionary measures, please consult the Ecuadorian Ministry of Health, www.msp.gov.ec, the Department of State information on Swine Flu at http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/pa/pa_pandemic.html, the United States Centers for Disease Control website at www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu, or the World Health Organization website at <http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/en/index.html>.

Americans living or traveling in Ecuador are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through the State Department's travel registration website, <https://travelregistration.state.gov>, and to obtain updated information on travel and security within Ecuador. Americans without Internet access may register directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. By registering, American citizens make it easier for the Embassy or Consulate to contact them in case of emergency. Please see the following links for local warden message information in Quito and Guayaquil, respectively, <http://ecuador.usembassy.gov> and <http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov>.

U.S. citizens should consult the Country Specific Information for Ecuador and the latest Travel Alerts and Warnings and Worldwide Caution at the Department's web site at <http://travel.state.gov>. Updated information on travel and security in Ecuador may also be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States or by calling 1-202-501-4444 outside the United States.

The U.S. Embassy in Quito is located at Avigiras E12-170 y Eloy Alfaro. The telephone during business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) is (011) 593 2 398 5000 X3800. Within the same city use the last seven digits. Add the city code for intercity telephone calls. See also the Embassy

web site at <http://ecuador.usembassy.gov>. American Citizen walk-in hours are between 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Thursday, excluding U.S. and Ecuadorian holidays.

The U.S. Consulate General in Guayaquil is located at the corner of Avenida 9 de Octubre and Garcia Moreno (near the Hotel Oro Verde); telephone (011-593-4) 232-3570 during business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) or 232-1152 for after-hours emergencies; fax (011-593-4) 232-0904. See the Consulate General web site at <http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov>